



THE FOREST FAMILY CURRICULUM LETTER

Needwood Church of England Primary School – Autumn 1.

Our new topic this half term is

'The World and I'

Details / notes / changes / specific to class one:

Please ensure children have full PE kit in school all week. Although the weather is sometimes warm, please ensure your child brings a lightweight raincoat to school every day just in case of any rain! Please can you also ensure their belongings are all labelled with their names. Water bottles must only contain water. Thank you.

For the first two weeks of the Autumn Term, we are taking part in a project organised by the John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust called 'The Fire Children.' It is based around a west-African story and about the creation of the fire children. More information about this project will be informed to you via the whole-school newsletter.

<u>Personal, Social & Emotional Development</u>	<u>Communication and Language</u>	<u>Physical Development</u>
<p>The children will spend time making relationships with the adults in the classroom and friendships with their peers. This is a fabulous time of adaptation for the children and it will be exciting to see them flourish!</p> <p>In our focussed PSHE sessions this term we will be looking at 'Me in my world'. We will look at who we are, what makes us special and our place within the world.</p>	<p>We will be listening stories linked to our theme and will be re-telling them using puppets. We will also be focussing on our listening skills particularly in larger environments such as in worship and circle times.</p>	<p>In our indoor PE session with Mrs Edden we will be doing 'dance' which is linked to our topic and learning series' of movements and balances. In our outdoor PE session with Mr Tolley we will be learning ball skills and focussing on throwing and catching. The children have open access to various activities in the continuous provision which help to develop their fine motor skills that are vital for the development of writing.</p>
<u>Mathematics</u>		
<p>This term we will be focussing on numbers. We will look at one number per week where we will be exploring what makes a number, what it looks like, how we can represent it and subitising it. This term we will be focussing on numbers to ten. You can help your child at home by recognising numbers in the environment and focussing on what makes a number, for example the number 4 can be made up of 1 and 3, 2 and 2 etc. We start by using objects to represent these quantities.</p>		
<u>Literacy</u>		
<p>We will be focussing on 'stories in familiar settings' such as The Tiger Who Came To Tea and Funny Bones. The children will be encouraged to take part in activities such as re-telling the stories, acting them out and sequencing them.</p>		
<u>Phonics</u>		
<p>The children will begin their Phonics sessions during the first week. They will be introduced to Phase 2 by Mrs Baxter, which is taught in an interactive manner. There are short daily bursts of phonics teaching and these new skills are then consolidated throughout their learning during the day. During the first term there will be a phonics information evening to give you an overview of how we teach phonics so keep a look out for the date.</p>		
<u>Understanding the world [History, Geography, RE, Computing, Science]</u>	<u>Expressive arts and design</u>	
<p>. In Geography we will be learning about 'our wonderful world' and learning about what we have in our world. In RE we will be learning about Christianity and answering the question 'why is God important?' In Science we will be learning about plants and growing, which links well with our Geography learning.</p>	<p>This term we will be looking at 'Nature Sculptures' in art and learning about sensory gardens.</p>	



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